

**Tuesday May 13, 2008 at 3:00 PM Eastern time**  
**Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

**Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Wendy, Ingrid, Dianne**  
**Regrets: Kevin**

## **AGENDA**

### **1) Approval of Minutes**

- Ingrid move to approve; Mark seconded; motion passed.

### **2) Monthly Financial Report**

End of March 2008 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in March '08: \$366.72, YTD: \$1,188.69; since 2003: \$20,291.82.
- Total contributions in March '08: \$20.00, YTD: \$45.00; since 2003: \$65,291.76.
- Total balance as of end of March '08: \$44,999.94.

End of April 2008 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in April '08: \$6,649.33, YTD: \$7,838.02; since 2003: \$26,941.15.
- Total contributions in April '08: \$0.00, YTD: \$45.00; since 2003: \$65,291.76.
- Total balance as of end of April '08: \$38,350.61

Note: DTS' first payment of \$6,630 is included in April's report.

### **3) Committee Updates**

- Website
  - Have received second invoice (\$4200) but want the rest of the work completed before we pay.
  - DTS (Data Transfer Solutions) meeting to decide amongst themselves when the work will be completed.
  - Annual maintenance (\$1575 ) and hosting fee (\$1200 )
  - When we go live with DTS, Wendy will cancel current hosting
  - Web training for about 2 hours to show us how to edit the content. They will also provide documentation that we can post to FTP site.
  - MVQ – Marcelle had some good ideas that Shoreh will pass on to DTS (clear query/update query fields, “zero candidates found” message when no candidates found). Shoreh has a list of additional items from our testing and also for post cyclone experience – will ask DTS
  - Shoreh will update current website with information on Myanmar.
  - Shoreh will remove Juna's name as a contact from the current website.
- Publications/Public Relations
- Financial Resources
  - Not much progress
  - Someone has sent an email volunteering to write grants; Mark to set up conference call with all the individuals interested in this topic.
  - Could look at paying grant writer a portion of the grant money received.
- Volunteer Development
- Partnership
  - AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science)

- (Lars) has great connections with other agencies that could use GISCorps volunteers
- could look to MOU in future.

#### 4) Deployment news

- **EWB (Engineers without Borders)**
  - Info from Kabul PU confusing; timing and job description has changed multiple times, so it has been difficult to keep volunteers interested.
  - Looking for Open Source experience; have two qualified volunteers ready to go. Hoping to finalize the mission later this week.
  - Consortium paying flight and accommodation; funding from USAID
- **Myanmar**
  - Broadcast late May 9 for volunteers
  - Tom Ponte assigned the project manager role
  - Volunteers have been selected
  - Additional information was collected; should add to our database
  - Tom has connected with Lars
  - Ingrid still responding to volunteer response
  - 40 volunteers and 19 friends have signed up since from Friday
  - Shoreh talked with Tom
    - to let him know that we were here to help
    - get him to write a white paper – what worked/what didn't work
  - Shoreh and et al will work on a short press release for Wendy; need to run by Lars too.

#### 5) New projects

- EWB/Bangladesh
  - Josh Sperling going to Bangladesh. Shoreh has paired him with GISCorps volunteers in Bangladesh. Will be doing a Needs Assessment on how GISCorps could help with EWB/Bangladesh.
- iMMAP (Information Management & Mine Action Programs) Iraq – 4 volunteers are working
- iMMAP North Korea – pilot done, waiting for WFP response
- Peace Corps – asking for more information; Shoreh to respond.

#### 6) Other business

- ESRI conference
  - have recruited some speakers to talk about their missions
  - Dianne, Ingrid and Shoreh will be in attendance; will talk to specific missions
- Brochure to be ready in June and ready for conference
- Need input for the new edition of the newsletter.
  - Chairperson greeting
  - Healthcare Volunteers
  - Myanmar – Shoreh, Ingrid, Dianne, Tom to collaborate
  - Article from Heather – Shoreh to follow up
  - Shoreh to add articles on project by May 21

#### 7) Next call: June 10

**Meeting Adjourned at 1600EST**